

Wargrave Local History Society

From the archives

This image from the Wargrave Local History Society's archive dates from 1916, when on 22nd July the church was re-consecrated following the fire of June 1914.

On the Sunday following the fire, a service was held in the open air, worshippers summoned by a bell hung from a nearby tree, and the singing accompanied by music from a harmonium, loaned by Mr Collins who ran a grocery shop in the High Street. For a while, services were also held in the Woodclyffe Hall.

However, a temporary church building was soon provided, on ground opposite the small electricity generating room (now the Hannen Room). It was made of corrugated iron on a wooden frame, and known colloquially as a "tin tab" (-ernacle).

The church choir are seen leaving the tin tabernacle, about to go through the lych gate, for the opening ceremony, which was led by Bishop Gore.

